Transfer Info Series: Session 5

How to Navigate Financial Aid (FAFSA), Scholarships & Loans



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The "pots" of money

Financial Aid (FAFSA & TASFA)



- Grants (Pell)
- Scholarships
- Work-Study
- Loans
- State Funding (TASFA & TPEG)

Your School & Program



- General Scholarship Application
- Major & Program Specific
- College Alumni Organizations

3rd Party (All Other Scholarships



- Employers
- Professional Organizations/Associations
- Charitable Organizations
- Social Clubs & Interest Groups
- Online (Free) Opportunities

Scholarships are...

- ✓ a grant or payment made to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement. For example:
 - Merit (skills or academics)
 - Need-Based (financial)
 - □ Identify-Based
 - **Government (state & federal)**
 - □ Athletics
 - Activity-Based (volunteering, internships, extracurriculars)
 - Military (service benefits)
 - Employer-Sponsored (tuition assistance)



Begin the Search!

When it comes to scholarships, the more the merrier! BUT remember that you should never pay to apply and if an opportunity seems shady, skip it!

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) -
 - <u>https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</u>
- Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) -
 - <u>https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/blank-forms-templates/texas-application-for-state-financial-aid-tasfa-in-english-2022-23/</u>
- Institution & Major Specific Scholarships
- Third Party Scholarships -
 - Such as your Employer, Church, Student Organizations, Clubs, Sports Teams, etc.
- Online Searches with Reputable Websites (Some Examples Below)
 - <u>Scholarships.com</u> <u>Fastweb</u> <u>College Board</u> <u>Going Merry</u> <u>ScholarshipOwl</u> <u>Bold.org</u> <u>Cappex</u> <u>Scholly</u> <u>CareerOneStop</u>



2023 Upcoming Events

- ✓ University of Houston Victoria on Campus
 - March 16 & 30; April 13 & 27; May 11
 - Betsy Wright Building Rm 103 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ✓ University of Houston Victoria at Gonzales Center
 - March 30, April 17, May 3 from 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
- ✓ Gonzales Transfer Application Workshops
 - March 30 from 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
- ✓ Field Trip to University of Texas at San Antonio
 - April 15 from 7:30 a.m. 6 p.m.
- ✓ Transfer Fair
 - April 4 from 11 a.m. 2 p.m. in the VC Student Center

Transfer Information Series

- ✓ Session 5: How to Apply for Housing: On or Off Campus
 - Wednesday, March 22nd at 11 a.m. in Library 1st Floor Computer Lab & Webex
- ✓ Session 6: Application, Essay, Resume & FAFSA Workshop
 - Tuesday, April 4 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Health Sciences Center Room 220
- ✓ Session 7: How to Avoid Transfer Shock: Guide to Academics, Supports & Campus Life
 - Tuesday, April 18th from Noon to 1 p.m. in Library 1st Floor Computer Lab & Webex



Resources & Contacts

- Transfer Services Stay up to date on all things transfer.
 - <u>https://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/Advising/T</u> <u>ransferServices</u>
- Financial Aid Meet with financial aid staff to learn more about obtaining funding for college.
 - o <u>https://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/WaysToPay/FinancialAid</u>
- VC Scholarships Opportunities
 - <u>https://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/WaysToPay/Scholarships</u>
- Bailey Koebrick: Title V Transfer Coordinator Advising & Counseling Services <u>Bailey.Koebrick@VictoriaCollege.edu</u> (361) 573-3291 x3201

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